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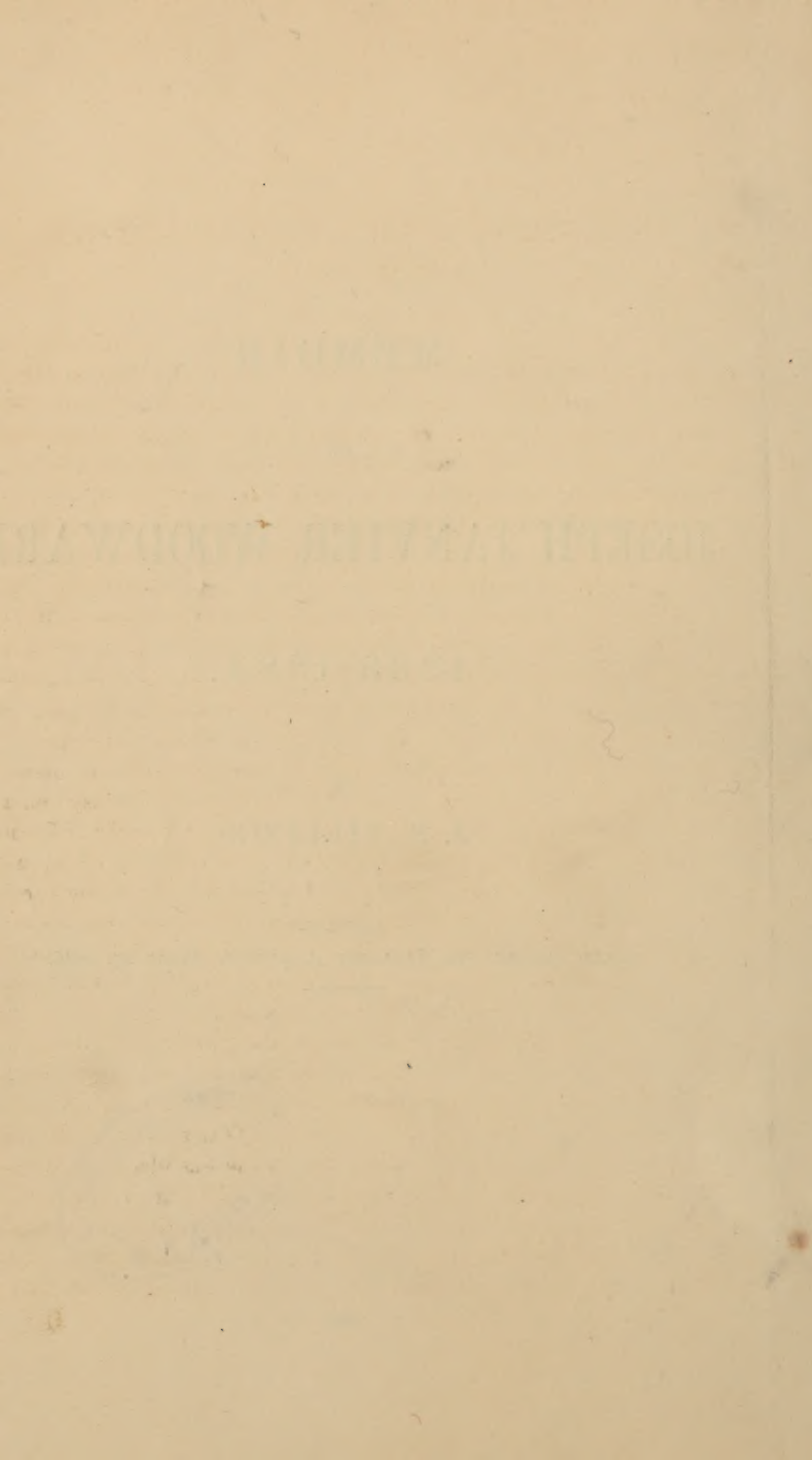
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Dr. JOSEPH JANVIER WOODWARD, Surgeon and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Army, was born in Philadelphia October 30, 1833, and died near that city on the 17th of August, 1884. He was educated at the Philadelphia Central High School, from which he received the degree of A. B. in 1850, and that of A. M. in 1855, when he was honored with the position of valedictorian of his class.

He commenced the study of medicine in the office of Professor George B. Wood, attending lectures at the same time in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of M. D. in 1853. He then opened an office for the practice of medicine in Philadelphia, gave private instruction in the use of the microscope and in pathological histology, and was a prominent member of the Pathological Society. At this time, in connection with the late Dr. Charles Bishop, he carried on a large quiz class in connection with the course of instruction in the University of Pennsylvania. He was demonstrator in operative surgery at the University of Pennsylvania; clinical surgical assistant to Professor H. H. Smith, and in charge of the surgical clinic of the University. At the outbreak of the war he at once offered his services to the Government and entered the army as assistant surgeon, his commission dating August 5, 1861. His first service was with the Second Artillery in the Army of the Potomac. May 19, 1862, he was assigned to duty in the Surgeon General's Office at Washington, in which position he remained until his death. In conjunction with Dr. John H. Brinton, of Philadelphia, he was assigned to the duty of collecting materials for a Medical and Surgical History of the War and for a Military Medical Museum. At the end of the war he was placed in charge of the pension division of the Surgeon General's Office, of the medical collection of the Army Medical Museum, and of the preparation of the medical portion of the Medical and Surgical History of the War. Soon after his assignment to duty in Washington his atten-

tion was attracted by the results of some experiments in photo-micrography made by Dr. William Thomson, now of Philadelphia, who was at that time in charge of one of the Washington hospitals, and appreciating the importance of perfecting this means of obtaining accurate representations of pathological histology he at once took the matter up, and with the assistance of Dr. Edward Curtis, U. S. Army, proceeded to improve the old and to devise new methods for this class of work. This led to the endeavor to secure improved objectives especially adapted to photo-micrographic purposes, and to the use of this process as a means of testing with scientific accuracy the relative merits of different objectives.

His publications of the results obtained by work in this direction gave a powerful stimulus to those engaged in the construction of microscopic objectives, and the great improvements which have been made in these instruments of research during the last twenty years have been due to a very considerable extent to his labors.

The essential features of the photo-micrographic processes used by him or under his direction at the Army Medical Museum were the use of a dark room so arranged that the operator was, so to speak, within his camera, the use of monochromatic light and of lenses specially adapted to it, and the great care and skill with which the dry and water immersion lenses of high power and the means of illumination were adjusted to produce the best possible results.

With the introduction of homogeneous immersion lenses much of the labor previously required became unnecessary, but the patience and skill with which Dr. Woodward adjusted his apparatus so as to produce the best possible results of which it was capable, were unequalled by any of the microscopists of his day.

His contributions to medical and scientific literature were numerous and extensive, as will be seen by the list appended to this sketch. The most important of these are the two volumes of the Medical and Surgical History of the War which he prepared, the reports on cholera and yellow fever in the Army of the United States published in 1867 and 1868, and the series of reports, with photographs, on the application of photo-micrography to test objects and to histological work. In 1873 he was elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences, in which he took a deep interest, and for which, as a member of various committees, he did much valuable work. As a scientific investigator and thinker his especial characteristics were the incessant labor which he devoted to the subjects

on which he was engaged and his desire to obtain his data at first hand as far as possible. His turn of mind was essentially that of a critic, and his first impulse on hearing of any alleged new fact or observation relating to matters in which he was interested was to doubt, and to attempt to verify it for himself. As a specimen of this class of work reference may be made to his numerous and interesting bibliographical notes contained in the medical volume of the second part of the Medical and Surgical History of the War. He was a clear and logical thinker and took great delight in communicating his views and opinions at all times.

In the circular announcing his death the Surgeon General says:

“With such a record it is needless to speak of his zeal, his ambition, or his devotion to his profession, and especially to the reputation of the corps of which he was so bright an ornament.

“Of a sensitive, highly strung, nervous organization, the confinement, anxiety, and labor to which he was subjected in his attendance upon the late President Garfield during his long illness proved too much for a mind and body already overstrained by incessant labor and precipitated the illness which finally terminated his life.

“At the time of his death Dr. Woodward was a member and ex-President of the American Medical Association, a member and ex-President of the Washington Philosophical Society, a member of the National Academy of Science, of the Association for the Advancement of Science, of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Philadelphia. He was an honorary member of several American and foreign scientific, medical, and microscopical societies, and the recipient of many distinguished honors from learned bodies in this country and abroad.”



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